

HOUSE No. 493

By Mr. Kujawski of Webster, petition of Paul Kujawski relative to the use of a certain salary escalator in lieu of collective bargaining agreements. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RIGHTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 150E of
2 the general laws or any general or special law to the contrary, any
3 employee organization representing employees of the Common-
4 wealth or it's political subdivisions may elect, if their collective
5 bargaining agreement has been extended as a result of an ever-
6 green clause, so-called, for periods longer than one year, to adopt
7 a salary escalator equivalent to the United States Department of
8 Labor's Consumer Price Index for the previous calendar year. The
9 employee organization may continue to exercise this election for
10 every one year period that their contract has been extended
11 through the evergreen clause, so-called.

12 Section 2. The provisions of section one of this act shall be
13 applicable in the municipalities of the Commonwealth only upon
14 the affirmative vote of the city council in the case of a city and the
15 board of selectmen in the case of a town.

16 Section 3. This act shall expire on August 31, 2007.